

## **Grave abuse of Danish cartoon in Dutch film**

The Danish Union of Journalists (DUJ) and Kurt Westergaard take vigorous exception to the use of Westergaard's drawing in the Dutch politician Geert Wilders' film. DUJ intends to take legal action against the politician for grave violation of Westergaard's author's right (copyright).

It was never the intention of Kurt Westergaard that his drawing should be used in the manner and context it is used in the film "Fitna" by the Dutch politician Geert Wilders. Therefore, DUJ is now taking the first steps towards filing suit against the politician for his unauthorized abuse of the Danish drawing.

"The use of the drawing in Wilders' film constitutes a serious violation of Kurt Westergaard's author's rights. He has not and would never have authorized the use of his drawing except for serious and independent editorial purposes. Therefore, the Danish Union of Journalists intends to sue Geert Wilders for unlawful use of the drawing," says Mogens Blicher Bjerregård, president of DUJ.

"We take vigorous exception to the use of the drawing in political propaganda. It is a violation of copyright law in that it has been taken out of the context for which the drawing was originally intended. For that reason, there is solid ground for taking legal action against the Dutch politician," says Blicher Bjerregård.

DUJ's lawyers will continue to assist Kurt Westergaard in preventing unauthorized use of his drawing for purposes that are outside the framework of serious and independent journalism. .